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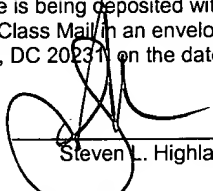
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Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

1. Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 (Replacement Sheet and Annotated Marked-up Drawings Fig. 1-3);
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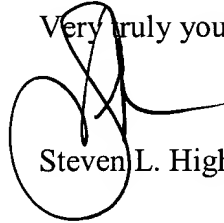
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